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FINANCE
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Seizure of Forex by CISF
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(a) whether CISF personnel have seized foreign exchange worth crores of rupees from passengers at Indira Gandhi International Airport and deposited it with the Department of Revenue;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the foreign exchange seized from airports and other locations in the country during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) the details of the cases filed and persons arrested as well as acquitted in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) No instance of CISF personnel seizing any foreign exchange at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Delhi has come to the notice of the Department. However, two cases of smuggling of Foreign Currency to the tune of US $1,00,000 and US $90,000 were detected by CISF personnel at T-3 terminal of IGIA, Delhi on 6.2.2016 which were referred to Customs for further course of action. The currency was seized and two Afghan nationals were arrested in this connection.

(b) and (c) Details are given as under:-

Year No. of Cases detected Value of Foreign Currency Seized (in Rs. Lakh) Persons arrested Persons Acquitted
2012-13 287 684.771 29 Nil
2013-14 248 1568.263 36 Nil
2014-15 293 2558.907 41 Nil
2015-16(upto 31st January, 2016) 229 2392.92 40 Nil
TOTAL 1057 7204.861 146 Nil